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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 2/June, through Sunday, 9/June there were 227 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BV9P, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0A, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZK1/s, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

AP, PAKISTAN. Boris, T93Y, informs OPDX that Willy, 9A4NA/T98N, has been in **Peshawar**, Pakistan, since early May and will stay there for at least two more months. He will occasionally operate from Asad's, **AP2AUM**, station which is equipped with a KENWOOD TS-50S and A4S with 40m addition kit. He suggests to look for him during his local evening (after 1200z), and since he does not have a keyer, activity will only be SSB. This is not a DXpedition and Willy, 9A4NA/T98N, will only operate on the bands after completing his duties at the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) Telecoms. Over the past week, AP2AUM has been spotted on 21250 kHz between 1130 and 1430z. QSL Manager for AP2AUM is KK5DO. A "LOG Search" for QSOs made by Willy can be found on the

Web page at: <http://www.t93y.com/logsearch/> This will be regularly updated. At the present there are 145 QSOs made as of May 31, 2002.

BQ9, PRATAS ISLAND. BQ9P is now active. The team has had problems keeping their antennas up due to the weather situation (passing cyclone) on Pratas Island. Activity has been on various bands CW/SSB/RTTY and will last **until June 12th**. There is NO WEB PAGE and NO ON-LINE LOGS for this operation. QSL via KU9C.

CONTEST. Hide, JH8KYU, wants to remind everyone that the upcoming **All Asian DX Contest** will be held **next week**. This contest will be a great opportunity for you to get many rare Asian entities. The contest period will be from 0000z, June 15th through 2400z, June 16th. When you contact any Asian station, please send RST + your age. If you are a YL station, you can send 00 instead of your real age. The detailed rule can be found on the following JARL official page; http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/AADX.htm

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. From a press release by Ed, W0SD, look for CY9 activity to take place late **June 29th through July 9th**. Operators will be Duane/WV2B, William/VE1AAO, James/VE9DH, Ed/W0SD, Arliss/W7XU, Holly/N0QJM and Edith/W0OE. The HF station will be using an ACOM 1000A and a Six band Hex beam. Quarter wave verticals with 24 radials each will be used on 30 and 40 meters. Given the time of the year and logistics, there will be no 80 or 160 operation. Suggested/planned frequencies are as follows:

- **RTTY** - 7080, 10115, 14080, 18080, 21080, 24908 and 28080
- **CW** - 7005, 10105, 14020, 18100, 21020, 24900 and 28020
- **SSB** - 7095, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz

The operation will also feature a full time, dedicated six meter station operated by W7XU, N0QJM, W0SD and W0OE. The six meter station WILL ONLY transmit on 50.157 listening up 5 kHz and more when needed. Meteor scatter will also be split. They will not work transceive, only split. A beam and ACOM 1000 amplifier will be used with operations on SSB and CW. Liaison will be available on 28885 kHz, and updates will be provided to the appropriate Six Meter Internet sites and reflectors. The Grid Square will be FN97. A special effort will be made to work Europe on double hop sporadic E in addition to North America and Caribbean areas! The operation has now been expanded to two meters with WSJT being used and other modes if propagation is available. The frequency will be 144.157 listening up five. All QSL's via W7XU.

D2, ANGOLA. Joan, **D2U**, was active this past weekend on 10 meters on 28514 kHz around 1545z. QSL via CT1BFL.

DXCC NEWS.....

- The DXAC has once again received an application from Francis Kremer, F6FQK (the station manager for aka TP2CE, TP3CE, TP4CE, TP50CE and TP2000CE), to make The **Council of Europe** a DXCC Entity. For more info on The Council of Europe, check the Web site at: <http://www.ewwa.net>
- Bob Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that the following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:
 - **Western Sahara: S07U and S07X**

- Mauritania: **5T5RUZ**, **5T5CQT**, **5T5GCW**, **5T5PBV**, **5T5UPA** and **5T5U**
- Vietnam: **3W2DC**
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: **9Q0AR**, **9Q1A** and **9Q1YL**
- Lord Howe Island: **VK9LY**
- North Cook Island: **ZK1NCP**
- Myanmar: **XZ1DB** and **XZ5DB**
- Pratas Island: **BQ9P**

FR/T, TROMELIN ISLAND. Just before going to print, reports came out that Jacques, FR5ZU, was signing **FR5ZU/T**. This is great news since it was reported earlier that he was going to cancel all his ham activities. See OPDX.563. His orginal plans were to stay from June to July on the island. He was spotted Sunday, **June 9th** at 1445z on 21230 kHz. Remember, this is not a DXpedition. Jacques is there because of his work, and he will be active during his spare time.

FT/Z, AMSTERDAM ISLAND. A few soures are reporting that Caroline, F4DOT, a YL operators, is going to Amsterdam Island from Reunion Island on a fishing boat. She is expected to arrive **later in the month**, however, she is expected to stay there **until January or February of 2003**. Reportedly, Caroline is the first YL ever to operate from Amsterdam. She is, however, a "novice operator" and will only be operating on 6 meters. PLEASE have patience with her because she has very little operating experience. She will be using a "**FT1Z**" prefix for the first ever.

GU, GUERNSEY. Look for Terry, W6/G3MHV, and Mady, KP3YL/W6, to be active as **GU3MHV** and **GU4WHV** from **June 17-25th**. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to KP3YL.

HB & S5, SWITZERLAND AND SLOVENIA (Update). Roy, W6UKX, will be active on most bands from Switzerland, **June 12-22nd** and from **Slovenia** from **June 24th through July 3rd**, as **HB9/W6UKX** and **S5/W6UKX**. QSL to home call.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW.** Look for an Italian team to be active from **Kuriat Island** from **June 13-17th**, using the callsign **3V8KO**. Operators include I5OYY, I5NSR, I5JHW, I5UKS, I5HLK, IK5CKL and IK5FDQ. They plan to have four stations active. QSL via I5JHW either through the Bureau or direct to: Giovanni Bini, Via Santini 30, 51031 Agliana - PT, Italy.
- **AS-279.** Look for operators TA2RC, TA2MW and TA2LE to be active from **Kefken Island** signing **TA0/homecalls**. Their activity is expected to take place during the **weekends throughout the month of August**. QSL via bureau.
- **EU-008.** A team from the GMDX Group, Scotland's DX Association, will operate from **Islay (IOSA NH22, WAB NR25)**, one of Scotland's **Inner Hebridean Islands**, during the **RSGB IOTA (Islands on the Air) Contest**. During the contest, which runs from 1200z, **July 27th** through 1200z, **July 28th**, they will be using the special contest callsign **GM5A**. At present, the team consists of Colin/ GM0RLZ, Stu/MM0BSM, John/MM0CCC, Colin/GM0CLN, Chris/GM3WOJ and Jim/GM0NAI. Rob/GM3YTS may also join them. The QSL Manager for all GM5A operations is Colin, GM0RLZ. They hope to post updates on their web page at: <http://islay.0catch.com/>
- **EU-014.** Claude, F5MCC, will sign **TK/F5MCC** once again from the **Porto Vecchio**

area (DIFM TK001), from **July 20th through August 7th**. He has planned to join Tony, **TK5XN**, there. Their activity will be on the HF bands CW/SSB. Sometimes they will be on the air near the onshore lighthouses which count for the French DPLF Award; they will give out the references numbers during that time. ADDED NOTE: They have planned a journey to **Lavezzi Island** also (LH 0755, IOTA EU164, DIFM TK011).

During these 3 weeks, **TK5EL** and **TK5LB** will join them several times for other CW and SSB activities too. QSL TK/F5MCC via F5MCC, TK5XN via F2YT, TK5EL via F6FNU, TL5LB via CBA.

- **EU-091.** Look for members of the "Salento DX Team" A.R.I. from Lecce to be active as II7GR from the **Grande Island** (I.I.A. LE002) during the upcoming **IOTA Contest (July 27-28th)**. Activity will be on HF and on 6 meters (GRID JN80WG). QSL via I7YKN (ex-I0YKN). Some of the operators will be active on 6 meters signing as **homecall/p.**
- **EU-177.** Kjell, SM4DDS, will be active as **8S4C/5** from **Stora Alo Island**, from **June 29th to July 6th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW and SSB. QSL is OK via bureau and E-mail requests for QSL are welcome at: sm4dds@svessa.se Direct cards are OK via addresses in both SM and HS callbooks.

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND. Jerry, W7IEW, is planning to visit this island from **June 8-25th**. Activity will be on all bands including 6 and 2 meters. Check out the following Web site at: <http://community.silverlink.net/midway/DXpedition.html>

KH0/WH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Tony/JA6CNL and Asa/JA6AGA, members of the Northern Kyushu DX Club, will be active as **KH0N** and **WH0C**, respectively on their 10th DXpedition to **Saipan Island (OC-086)**. They will participate in the **All Asian DX Contest June 14-18th**. Outside of the contest they will also be active on the WARC bands and 6m/CW. QSL to their home callsigns.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Bruce, KK6DO, informs OPDX that Ed, **P5/4L4FN**, will be off the air for about 3-4 days, possibly longer. The apartment he lives in is having the roof refinished, new drains installed and painted. He had to remove his antennas on June 8th after operating and will reinstall them as soon as the workers are finished.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Terry, KH6MT/W4, informs OPDX that Grady, K6IXA, recently stopped by an INDEXA net and reported that he is getting QSL requests for **9G5ZW**. He was the QSL Manager for 9G5GW in **February 1996 (a 1 week only operation) ONLY!** PLEASE, QSL **9G5ZW** via OM3LZ (ex-OK2ZW).
- CHECK THE 9L1JT QSL ROUTE! Jerry, K4ZIN, informs OPDX that they had a successful **9L1JT** mini-DX-pedition with 5,500 CW QSOs. However, he has discovered that a lot of folks are sending QSLs to an old K4ZIN address and the post office will not forward them to him. First QSL mailing will be the last week of June. The correct address for K4ZIN is: Jerry Trousdale, 407 Bellwood Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 USA.
- Whitey, K1VV, informs OPDX that the Marconi Radio Club, W1AA, is still receiving QSLs for **TI9AA**. They have just received a dozen more QSLs through the bureau and several direct. This is for August 2001. TI9AA is a SLIM. W1AA is not and never has been the QSL manager for TI9AA.
- CORRECTION TO OPDX.560. Under "QSL INFO AND NEWS...", please correct the

operator LU9DA was active as **AY9DA**, not AY5DA as listed.

- OPDX was informed that Boyan, LZ1BJ, is stating that **mail theft** in Bulgaria is very bad. He currently recommends that there is no sense to send direct QSLs to LZ, because of the situation in the Bulgarian Postal system. If you send direct, avoid using green stamps, use IRC only and pack letters very secure, using scotch tape. Boyan has received over the past 2 years about 200 opened letters. He has sent several complaints to Bulgarian Postal Authorities.
- Tom, G0PSE, informs that thanks to Doug Brandon, N6RT, the on-line log for **GB0SM** from St. Mary's Isles of Scilly (IOTA EU-011) has been updated to include this year's activity (May 18-25th). The log may be accessed at: <http://www.qsl.net/gb0sm/> -or- <http://www.qsl.net/g0pse/>
- Activity by **GB5SI** this past weekend was from Tanera Mor, Summer Isles, NW Scotland (IOTA EU-092, IOSA SC10, QRA IO78, and WAB NB90). QSL via the bureau or direct to MM0BQI: Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Ave, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, SCOTLAND.
- Activity over the past weekend, by a DXpedition team from A.R.I. Radio Club from Tivoli (Rome, Italy), they sign **IA5P** from Pianosa Island (EU-028). QSL via I0VWW.
- **VP6DI QSL STATUS.** QSLs are being received. Only a batch of 500 QSLs were mailed out on June 1st. Another batch of 500 QSL cards will go out this weekend. The next mailings will not come until mid June when the QSL cards arrive via a sea shipment. Around July 1st, batches of 500 are expected to go out until they are completed sometime in August.
- **RARE QSL CARDS WANTED.** Tom/K8CX and Maurice/F5NQL are looking for rare interesting QSL cards to put on the online Ham Gallery. They are searching/looking for the following cards:
 - FI8 - French Indochina (now Vietnam) before December 1950, 20th
 - FN8 - French Indian settelements of Ponfichery, Chandernagor, Mahe, Yanaon and Karikal, (now VU) , before October 1954, 31st.

They don't need the original QSL; a good film or photocopy or a computerized pic in BMP or JPG format are very acceptable for the on-line museum. Check out this interesting Web page at: <http://hamgallery.com/> You can reach Tom, K8CX at: k8cx@hamgallery.com You can reach Maurice, F5NQL at: f5nql@aol.com -or- maurice_f5nql@nomade.fr

- QSLs for **YM3LZ** for the May 22-29th (2002) operation go to Wally, LZ2CJ.
- **NEED A QSL MANAGER?** Bruce, KK5DO, QSL Manager for P5/4L4FN and AP2AUM is available for other Dxpeditions and operations. If interested in a computer automated system with Web presence, including online log and online QSL received/sent lists, contact Bruce via E-mail at: kk5do@arrl.net
- **NEED A QSL MANAGER?** Russ, KU4FP, informs OPDX that he is willing to act as a QSL Manager for a station. He can be contacted by E-mail at: ku4fp@arrl.net

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Dave, KW4DA, will be active as **VP5/KW4DA** from the Beaches Resort, **June 7-17th**. There will be no set schedule; operation will be as time permits. His modes will include SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK and some SSTV. QSL via KW4DA: Dave Anderson, 712 Baneberry Court, Asheville, NC 28803.

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Look for Les, GM3ITN, to be active as **VP8ITN** from **June 10-22th**. He plans an activity from **Saunders Island** from **June 18-20th**. Les also says that there is a possibility of some activity from **Port Stanley** at any time between **June 12-17th**. He

will be active on usually IOTA frequencies on all bands. QSL via GM3ITN. His Web site is at:
<http://www.angelfire.com/falcon/gm3itn/>

YL DXPEDITIONS (Change in plans!). Gwen, VK3DYL, informs OPDX that there has been a change in plans for their DXpeditions. Due to circumstances completely beyond their control, the YL mini-DXers will not be able to visit Nauru next October as planned. To avoid disappointment to a number of amateurs who need C21 on 10 and 12 meters, Peter, C21TA, will try to activate those bands during his business trips to the island over the **next few months**. The YLs, however, will still operate from **Lord Howe Island** as **VK9YL, September 15-29th** as previously announced.

YLS Elizabeth/VE7YL (CW), June /VK4SJ, Mio/JR3MVF and Gwen/VK3DYL will operate from the **Cook Islands -- Aitutaki Island (OC-083) October 1-6th**, and from **Rarotonga (OC-013) October 7-15th**. Their callsign is to be announced later. QSL to VK3DYL direct (Gwen Tilson, 3 Gould Crt., Mt. Waverley 3149, Australia) with sufficient return postage. Green stamps would be appreciated since this is a self-funded DXpedition, though cards via the VK3 Bureau will also be answered. Direct cards without sufficient postage will be returned via the Bureau.

ZC40/ZC41, U.K. SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS. During the month of **June**, look for the **Eastern Sovereign Base** to use the special prefix **ZC40** and the **Western Sovereign Base** to use the prefix **ZC41**.

ZA, ALBANIA. Vlado, Z35M, informs OPDX that he has been active from **Tirana** as **ZA/Z35M** since **June 1st**. He expects to be here for several years on business. He states that he will be active only on HF on CW and SSB. His band plan from ZA-land is limited (on low bands 3750-3800 kHz and 7040-7100 kHz), so do not be surprised if you find him on CW or SSB on parts of these bands. He was spotted this past weekend on 20 meters CW around 0600z and again at 2000z. QSL PLEASE ONLY DIRECT to his home address in Macedonia: Vladimir Kovaceski, Box 10, Struga 6330, Macedonia. For more details, you can visit his web sites at: <http://www.qsl.net/z35m/> or <http://www.qrz.com>

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